

## THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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# GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR ELECTION DEPARTMENT :::: DISPUR

#### **NOTIFICATION**

The 24th June, 2022

**No. ELE.323/2021/190.-** The Election Commission of India's order No. 76/AS-LA/2021/CEMS-I Dated. 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, is hereby published for general information.

### भारत निर्वाचन आयोग ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA



निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 76/AS-LA/2021/CEMS-I/

Dated:

17 June, 2022

27 Jyaistha, 1944 (Saka)

#### **ORDER**

WHEREAS, the General Election to Legislative Assembly of Assam, 2021 for 65-Kalaigaon Assembly Constituency was held in pursuance of the Election Commission of India Notification No. 464/AS-LA/2021, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as per Section 78 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, every contesting candidate at an election shall, within 30 days from the date of election of the returned candidate, lodge with the District Election Officer an account of his election expenses which shall be true copy of the account kept by him or his election agent under Section 77 of the said act; and

WHEREAS, the result of the election for 65-Kalaigaon Assembly Constituency of Assam, 2021 was declared by the Returning Officer on 02<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021 and hence the last date for lodging the account of Election Expenses was 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commission having regard to the then prevailing pandemic situation of Covid-19, decided to condone any incidence of late submission of account by candidate till 31st July, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as per the report dated 24.08.2021 of the DEO, Mangaldoi, under sub-rule (1) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, received from the CEO. Assam vide his letter no. ELE..283/2021/58, dated 15.09.2021, Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, a contesting candidate from 65-Kalaigaon Assembly Constituency of Assam, 2021 has failed to lodge account of election expenses, as required under law; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the said report of the District Election Officer, a Show-Cause notice No. 76/AS-LA/65/2021/CEMS-I, dated 14th October, 2021 was issued under sub rule (5) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 by the Election Commission of India Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia. To not lodging of account of Election Expenses; and

WHEREAS, through the above said Show Cause Notice and under sub-rule (6) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, was directed to submit representation writing to the Commission explaining the reasons for not lodging the account and also to lodge account of election expenses with the District Election Officer, Mangaldoi District within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notice; and

WHEREAS, the District Election Officer, Mangaldoi District, has reported that the said notice was served to Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, on 18.12.2021; and

WHEREAS, the CEO, Assam vide letter no ELE.323/2021/256, dated 04.04.2022 forwarded the District Election Officer, Mangaldoi, Supplementary Report stated that Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, has not submitted any representation or a statement of correct account of election expenses duly signed along with original vouchers etc. Further, after receipt of the said notice, Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, has neither furnished any reason nor explanation to the Election Commission of India, for failure to lodge the account as prescribed under law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that:-

"If the Election Commission is satisfied that a person-

- (a) has failed to lodge an account of election expenses, within the time and in the manner required by or under this Act, and
- (b) has no good reason or justification for the failure,

the Election Commission shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.":

WHEREAS, on the basis of facts and available records, the Commission is satisfied that Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, has failed to lodge account of election expenses and has no good reason or justification for the failure to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Section 10A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission of India hereby declares Sh. Kanu Ram Saikia, Vill-Gargari, P.O:-Burhinagar, PS:-Kalaigaon, Dist:-Darrang (Assam) and a contesting candidate in 65-Kalaigaon Assembly Constituency of Assam, 2021, to be disqualified for being chosen as and for being a member of either House of the Parliament or the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council of a State or Union Territory for a period of three years from the date of this order.

(SUJEET KUMAR MISHRA) SECRETARY

NITIN KHADE,

Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06